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TECHNOLOGY MISSION ON COCONUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that sanction of funds accorded and released for the implementation of Technology Mission on Coconut for Kerala State is not reasonable;

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken so far to expand the scope of Coconut Technology Mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The Central Sector Scheme on Technology Mission on Coconut was sanctionedby Government of India during 2001-2002 as part of IX Plan with an outlay of Rs.400.00 lakh.Funds under the scheme are released by Government of India to the Coconut Development Board and not State-wise. The Coconut Development Board implement the scheme in the formof projects with focus on technology development, demonstrations and adoption in the field of the insect/pest and disease management; processing and product diversification; and market research and promotion. The projects which come under the purview of Technology Mission are considered and approved by Project Approval Committee in the Coconut Development Board onmerit. So far, 7 projects have been sanctioned in Kerala. The Scheme is being implemented during the year 2002-2003 with an outlay of Rs.2000.00 lakh.